



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 10/31/2022

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 10/31/2022

Time: 6:54 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: Westerville Rd and Valley Park Ave

Zone: 1

Precinct: 6

Incident Report #: 220801324

Cruiser District: 62

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Incident Summary: On 10/31/2022 at 6:54 pm, Lazaro Becerra (49) of Columbus, was operating a 2001 Ford F-150 southbound on Westerville Rd approaching Valley Park Ave. At the same time Valeria Salcedo (30's) of Columbus and Catherine Mitchell-Rodriguez (4) walking in a crosswalk westbound across Westerville Rd at Valley Park Ave with the flashing crosswalk lights luminated. Mr. Becerra struck Ms. Salcedo and Ms. Mitchell-Rodriguez in the crosswalk. Ms. Salcedo was transported to Riverside Methodist Hospital in critical condition and Ms. Mitchell-Rodriguez was transported to Nationwide Children's Hospital in critical condition. Ms. Mitchell-Rodriguez was pronounced by Trauma Doctor at Nationwide Children's Hospital at 9:30 PM.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded to the scene and initiated an investigation which is ongoing.

This is the City's 79th traffic related fatality this year.

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